



Catholic Education Week 2021

Catholic Education: *Nurturing Hope*

May 2 – May 7, 2021

Guidelines for Using the Advance Kit

What is Catholic Education Week?

Each year the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week.

What is the theme of Catholic Education Week?

This year's celebration entitled, "**Catholic Education: *Nurturing Hope***" is scheduled for the week of May 2 – May 7, 2021. The scriptural passage that guides our theme is, "*Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.*" Isaiah 40:31

What is the Catholic Education Week Advance Kit?

In order to help all Catholic educational partners engage in prayer and dialogue in preparation for Catholic Education Week 2021, OCSTA has prepared an Advance Kit of prayer services and reflection activities. Unlike the Resource Kit that is designed for students, the Advance Kit, sent early in the school year, is designed to help adult groups (trustees, school board staff, school staff groups, parent groups, parish groups, associations, etc.) reflect on the theme of Catholic Education Week with prayer services and reflection activities beginning in Advent and concluding in the month before Catholic Education Week.

What are the sub-themes of Catholic Education Week?

The Advance Kit has five prayer and reflection activities for the five months preceding Catholic Education Week, each activity reflecting one of the five sub-themes of Catholic Education Week:

Advent:	<i>Preparing the Earth ... Préparer la terre</i>
January:	<i>Sowing Seeds of Gratitude ... Semer la gratitude</i>
February:	<i>Cultivating Relationships ... Cultiver nos relations</i>
March:	<i>Harvesting New Fruit ... Récolter de nouveaux fruits</i>
April:	<i>Marvelling in Wonder ... S'émerveiller</i>

How can the Advance Kit be used in a local Catholic educational community?

Each service may be used to begin a meeting or gathering, or to provide an opportunity for the adult partners in a local Catholic education community to discuss the themes. A scripture reading that connects with the theme:

Please utilize this link to access the Advent Prayer Service...

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQRfvLQY29Y-8gGxuehVb5igG6eDOsIM5RBYhfjaT9PKvgz0f9WF1dhodPiqV63ng/pub?start=true&loop=false&delayms=3000>